

**MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND
AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD**

DATE: January 29, 2014

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
Conference Room –69-1
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston RI 02920**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Reynolds – Chairman, Gerald Galleshaw, Lt. David Doucet, John Mancone, Al Olney, Dennis Gamba

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Steve Altieri, Chris Hurd, Louis DeQuattro

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Precious, Larry Alan, Randy Bottella, Charlie Rockwell, Faye Sanders, Kevin Salvas

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:39 AM.

MINUTES:

Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting with discussed revisions. Seconded by: Mr. Galleshaw. All members present were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Technician Certification Subcommittee Update: The Subcommittee reviewed the current class list from I-Car, ASE, and P & L Consultants. Board requests that the Department send updated list to licensees. Approved Minimum requirements for the certification of motor vehicle body repair technicians:

Section I Identification and Analysis of Damage to Vehicles:

I-Car: SPS01(now listed as SPS10), or DAM12, or DAM12E

ASE: Test B6

P & L: Collision Damage Repair & Estimating

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Section II Frame Measuring and Straightening Systems and Techniques

I-Car: SPS01 (now listed as SPS10), or DAM12, or DAM12E

ASE: Test B4

P & L: Structural Measuring and Realignment

Section III Welding in Collision Repair

I-Car: SPS05, or WCS06E, or WCS03

ASE: Test B4

P & L: Collision Repair: Welding and Joining Methods

Section IV Structural Steel Repairs

I-CAR: SPS07, or SSS01

ASE: Test B4

P & L: Structural Measuring and Realignment

Section V Suspension, Steering, and Alignment Systems

I-Car: STE02, or DAM06

ASE: Test B5

P & L: Steering and Suspension Systems

Section VI Safety Restraint Systems

I-Car: DAM11, or DAM11E

ASE: Test B5

P & L: Supplementary Restraint Systems

Any other classes, courses, or training taken from any school or OEM should be submitted for approval.

Technician Certification Affidavit is part of the application. That form should be filled out and transcripts should be attached.

The Board would like to locate a copy of the original law that mandated Technicians be certified.

Technician Certification Sub Committee has done what it was designed to do so it is now dissolved. Chairman Reynolds will forward minutes to have on record showing it is finished.

Board Authority: Rhode Island General Law 5-38-2(b) – (k): duties of the board and who the representatives should be made up of.

Questions were raised as to the intention of Boards review of this section. Is it to change the law or question expectations of 5-38-2? Board not trying to change anything but wants parameters clarified in what it can actually do within the scope of what is written because the statute is vague. What its authority is in regards to complaint hearings (d), as it relates to (h) and the Administration Procedures Act (“APA”). Chairman Reynolds will officially send Mr. DeQuartto

correspondence for a clarification.

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Board does have authority to ask questions to of the department. At one time under Director Marques we did have an open door policy were we could ask a question after each meeting once a month that we utilized and might need to implement again. The board may have some unresolved issues that it may want the department to look into in the near future. See (j) Central Management Regulation 3 Declaratory Rulings and Petitions.

Glass Update: Chairman Reynolds motioned to send a letter to the Department to include authority of auto glass in Rhode Island General Law 5-38 for the next legislation session. Seconded by: Mr. Gamba. All members present were in favor.

Complaint Update: The Board reviewed a written update from the Department's Deputy Director & Executive Counsel on the status of matters pending in the Legal Department.

Commercial Licensing Division takes complaints from consumers and law officials. If an insurance company complains about an auto body shop it would be a submission per Regulation 15 On-site Inspection Standards. Chairman Reynolds will ask Mr. DeQuattro to inquire within the Insurance Division to see if there are any complaints pending from body shops.

Inquiry About Staggering License Renewal Dates. With the new computer system, the license effective date is the date it is approved; it will expire three years from that date. All new licenses issued will have different renewal dates. It would be convenient if shops were notified ahead of time so they can be prepared.

Glass Representative: Is believed to be resigning. Department would need letter confirming his request. Industry is aware and has recommendations.

Salvage Rebuilder: The Auto Body Association of Rhode Island ("ABARI") sent out a notice to its members and other shops, that they have contact information for, reminding them to be aware of the salvage rebuilder license law. If a shop does not have a salvage rebuilder license they should not be fixing vehicles that have been determined to be a total loss. If they do, the vehicle would not be eligible for salvage re-inspection, leaving the consumer in a bad spot.

The Board would like to change this system. Maybe have a full collision license with a small additional fee instead of attaining two separate licenses. Salvage Rebuilder license law consists of other laws that involve other state agencies. A list of current salvage rebuilders has been requested for next meeting. Are there any salvage rebuilders that are not full collision? We need to look into this. It takes almost nothing to total an older vehicle when you compare the amount of damage to the value of the vehicle. As time goes on the Department of Motor Vehicles is progressively going to a 20 year title, so the need to have salvage rebuilders will increase in the coming years. Put Salvage Rebuilder on agenda to discuss for next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Reynolds brought to the Boards attention of a problem relating to insurance ID Cards and the “right to choose shop” information that should be printed on all insurance correspondence per Insurance Regulation 27. How would an interested party report this? The Commercial Licensing Division will forward the allegation to the Insurance Division to Rachel Chester to look into the matter and report back on the situation. Any insurance

inquiry may be sent directly to the Division of Insurance. What about online apps from insurance companies? Should information be included there also?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: (None)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (None)

Chairman Reynolds motioned to adjourn this open meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gamba. All members present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Precious

Implementation Aide